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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Frank I. CARROLL et al.

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1625

SERIAL NO: 09/623,872

: EXAMINER: AULAKH, C.

FILED: NOVEMBER 27, 2000

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FOR: NOVEL OPIATE COMPOUNDS, METHODS
OF MAKING AND METHODS OF USE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicants petition to have the Supplemental Amendment filed on November 27, 2001, considered and entered in the above-identified application. The Supplemental Amendment was filed in order to make relatively minor changes to the dependent claims of the application arising from typographical errors in the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed on November 14, 2001. A copy of the Supplemental Amendment is enclosed for the Office's convenience.

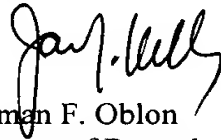
The Examiner issued the Notice of Allowance on November 27, 2001, i.e., on the same day the Supplemental Amendment was filed. Accordingly, the Examiner was not able to consider the Supplemental Amendment prior to issuing the Notice of Allowance. In view of the fact that the Supplemental Amendment was submitted before the issuance of the

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Notice of Allowance and the changes requested therein are of minor nature, consideration and entry of the Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested.

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